GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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BUFFER STOCK OF UREA
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to maintain a buffer stock of urea to 10 to 12 major States to avoid shortage during the coming Kharif season;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the States so identified for this purpose and the quantity of urea proposed to be maintained in the identified States?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The Department will operate a buffer stock of urea through the State Institutional Agencies/fertilizer companies in major consuming States up to a limit of 5% of the seasonal requirement to meet with the unforeseen eventuality, if any, during Kharif 2008. States identified for operating the buffer stock are as follows:

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Kamataka
3. Tamil Nadu
4. Gujarat
5. Madhya Pradesh
6. Maharashtra
7. Rajasthan
8. Haryana
9. Punjab
10. Uttar Pradesh
11. Bihar
12. Jammu & Kashmir
13. Orissa
14. West Bengal